

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

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USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE  
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN  
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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SECDEF FOR ASD/ISA(SA); COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE & BRUSSELS FOR  
ODCS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, NO  
SUBJECT: EPG CONCERNS OVER THE F-16 PROGRAM

REFS: (A) SECDEF 7768 DTG 102148Z FEB 77 (B) SECDEF 7772 DTG  
102151Z FEB 77 (C) OSLO 0702 DTG 101520Z FEB 77 (NOTAL)

1. I HAVE FOLLOWED REPORTS OF EPG DISCUSSIONS AND THE RECENT  
MOLLER/BROWN LETTER. THOUGH NOT UNCOMMON IN SUCH LARGE INTER-  
NATIONAL ENDEAVORS, SUCH POLITIZATION SEEMS TO REFLECT A LACK  
OF APPRECIATION BY OUR PARTNERS FOR THE UNUSUAL LENGTHS THE  
US AND USAF HAVE GONE TO TO MEET THEIR INTERESTS. THERE ARE  
SOME INDICATIONS THAT THOUGH THE NORWEGIANS SUPPORT MOLLER'S  
LETTER AND CONCURRED IN ITS TRANSMISSION THEY DO NOT HAVE AS  
NEGATIVE A VIEW OF THE PROGRAM AS THE LETTER SUGGESTS.

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2. IN AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY HOLST  
SHORTLY AFTER THE LETTER WAS SENT, HE TOLD ME THAT THEY  
HAD "NO REAL PROBLEMS WITH THE UNILATERAL DECISION ASPECT"  
OF THE COMPLAINT. AND, AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HOLST SEEMED LESS  
SURE OF THE WISDOM OF NORWAY HAVING BEEN A PARTY TO THE LETTER.

3. THE PRESSURE FOR THE EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO PRESENT ONE FACE IN DEALING WITH THE US IS UNDERSTANDABLE. AND, OF COURSE, THE RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL OFFICIALS OF ALL THE PARTNER COUNTRIES NEED, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, TO LEAVE A RECORD OF HAVING PUSHED FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE DEAL FOR THEIR COUNTRY. WITH SUCH THOUGHTS IN MIND, MY OWN PERCEPTION IS THAT THE F16 PROGRAM IS BEING VERY WELL RUN FROM A TECHNICAL, POLITICAL, AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT POINT OF VIEW - AND, THAT THE NORWEGIANS KNOW AND GENERALLY APPRECIATE THIS.

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## Message Attributes

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